(b) if so, the objectives of the visit;

(c) the agreements signed during the said visit and the extent to which this visit had been successful; and

(d) the steps taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Union Home Minister Shri L.K. Advani accompanied by a high level official delegation visited USA from 8th January to 13th January, 2002 at the invitation of the U.S. Attorney General.

(b) and (c) During his visit, Home Minister held a comprehensive dialogue with his US interlocutors on the global dimensions of the terrorism in India and Pakistan's role and responsibility in the context of the attack on the Parliament of India on 13.12.2001. No agreements were signed during the visit.

(d) New areas of cooperation in the field of counter terrorism have been identified in the Fourth meeting of the Joint Working Group held in January, 2002 and appropriate steps initiated.

Dual Citizenship to NRIs

*98. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant dual citizenship to persons of Indian origin residing abroad;

(b) if so, the citizens of which countries would be granted such facilities; and

(c) whether they would enjoy voting rights in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) A proposal in this regard is being examined.

Establishment of Bureau of Energy Efficiency

*99. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE);